(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) The details of royalty given for coal and liginite mining to the respective State Governments are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	West Bengal	Jhar-Khand	Orissa	MP	Chhattis-garh	Mahara-shtra	U.P.	Assam	A.P.	Tamil Nadu	Total
2002-03	9.99	649.89	310.60	431.86	427.58	258.90	149.31	10.00	278.25	93.12	2619.5
2003-04	9.48	743.14	403.13	501.07	491.32	282.01	145.67	14.35	302.15	102.79	2995.11
2004-05 (Provl.)	9.65	735.36	439.47	529.61	533.40	292.95	159.92	12.73	315.00	107.84	3135.93

(b) The amount of royalty due to be paid to various States as on 30.6.2005 are as under:—

(Rs. in crores)

Name of the State	Name of Coal Company	Amount of royalty dues as on 30.6.05
Jharkhand	Central Coalfields Limited	27.80
Orissa	Mahanadi Coalfields Limited	34.72
Madhya Pradesh	Western Coalfields Limited	1.34
	Northern Coalfields Limited	24.19
Uttar Pradesh	Northern Coalfields Limited	10.82
Maharashtra	Western Coalfields Limited	0.14
Assam	North Eastern Coalfields Ltd.	4.08

(c) and (d) The Government has constituted a Committee on 2.6.2005 under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal to consider the issue of revision of rates of royalty on Coal and Lignite.

Ex-servicemen's companies involved in coal transportation

†1124. SHRI RAMADHAR KASHYAP: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the ex-servicemen's companies involved in the transportation and loading works in Orissa based MCL coal subsidiary;

(b) the places where headquarters of these companies are situated alongwith the names of their Directors and Auditors; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the payment made to these companies in transport/loading account during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COALAND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) to (c) As informed by Coal India Limited (CIL), details regarding Names, Headquarters, Names of Directors & Auditors and Payments made to Ex-servicemen companies (in last three years) operating in Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) are given in Annexure. [*See Appendix 205, Appendix No.* 3]

Lignite reserve at Neyveli

1125. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated quantity of lignite available at Neyveli and its surrounding areas of Tamil Nadu;

(b) the quantity of lignite exploited, so far;

(c) whether any expansion plans of Neyveli Lignite Corporation is proposed to be taken up;

(d) if so, the details thereof and time schedule for such expansion;

(e) the thermal power being produced by using Neyveli Lignite and its percentage of distribution to Tamil Nadu;

(f) whether it is proposed to provide more power to Tamil Nadu from Neyveli; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) The estimated geological lignite reserves available within Neyveli Lignite Field in Tamil Nadu is 4,150 Million Tonnes (MT), out of which 3,127 MT are available within NLC's leasehold area. The estimated geological lignite reserves available in the surrounding areas is 3,473 MT.

(b) The quantity of lignite exploited from the inception of NLC upto 31.3.2005 is 385.109 MT.